



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the September 26, 2011 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, September 26, 2011, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; and Dottie Martin (by phone) (Board Members), Harry Osgood and Mark Cyr (DOE Staff) and Mary Becker State Board of Education Secretary Associate.

Guest: Heather Perry, Superintendent RSU#3; and Cathy Owens Oliver, Educational Testing Services (ETS) (by phone)

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and voted unanimously by those present to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2011 meeting as written.

Updates

➤ Certification (Mark Cyr):

- The comment period for Chapter 13, Qualifying Examinations for Teachers, Educational Specialists, and Administrators” will end this Friday, September 30, 2011. There have been no comments to date.
- That he is working on the changes to Chapter 115, which is based around LD 129, “An Act to Eliminate Dual Certification Requirements for Speech-Language Pathologists” that now allows professionals who are licensed by the State of Maine to be employed in Maine schools without needing to hold the Department of Education educational specialist certificate and LD 1094, “An Act to Improve the Delivery of School Psychological Services to Children” that eliminates references to the title “School Psychological Service Providers” and changes the title to “School Psychologists.” The SBE will see the draft of changes prior to the start of the Administrative Procedures Act process.

Note: Harry Osgood joined the meeting at 9:16 AM.

Note: Dottie Martin joined the meeting by phone at 9:39 AM.

- Educational Testing Services (ETS) - New England Crosswalk (Cathy Owens-Oliver):
 - Nancy Perkins distributed a handout provided by Cathy, titled “New England Crosswalk – August 2011”.
 - Cathy provided an explanation of the crosswalk and how it would assist the Certification Committee in future discussions concerning the interstate reciprocity for educators.
 - Massachusetts is the only New England State that is not using ETS.
 - The Committee agreed to be part of the reciprocity discussions with other New England States.

- Higher Education (Harry Osgood):
 - The Chapter 114 Stakeholders Group will be meeting on Friday, September 30, 2011.
 - He will be attending a portion of the Commissioner’s Early College Task Force meeting on Friday, September 30, 2011.
 - There are several teacher preparation and degree-granting reviews coming up and Harry will be contacting Board members for Board Observer participation.

Note: Mary Becker left the meeting at 9:55 AM to attend an agenda review meeting.

Mary returned to the meeting at 10:43 AM.

Note: Dottie Martin left the meeting at 11:04 AM (by phone).

- Handouts:
 - New England Crosswalk – August 2011
 - Using Data to Improve Teacher Effectiveness -Data Quality Campaign
 - Achieve Offers Training for State and District-Level Educator Teams - Achieve
 - Mapping Out the Road Ahead: New Opportunities for Potential Collaboration - New England Board of Higher Education
 - Chapter 115, Part I, Section 17: Development of New Endorsements and New Certifications

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2011 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.